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H Y M N I.

1 **W**ISDOM ascribe, and might and praise,  
 To God who lengthens out our days,  
 Who spares us yet another year,  
 And lets us see his goodness here;  
 Happy, and wise, the time redeem,  
 And live, my friends, and die to him.

- 2 How often when his arm was bar'd,  
Hath he our sinful Israel spar'd!  
*Let them alone* his mercy cry'd,  
And turn'd the vengeful bolt aside,  
Indulg'd another kind reprieve,  
And strangely suffer'd us to live.
- 3 Laid to the root with conscious awe,  
But now the threatening axe we saw,  
We saw when Jesus stept between,  
To part the punishment and sin,  
He pleaded for the blood-bought race,  
And God vouchsaf'd a longer space!
- 4 Still in the doubtful balance weigh'd,  
We trembled while the remnant pray'd:  
The Father heard his Spirit groan,  
And answer'd mild, It is my Son!  
He let the pray'r of faith prevail,  
And mercy turn'd the hovering scale.
- 5 Merciful God, how shall we raise  
Our hearts to pay thee all thy praise?  
Our hearts shall beat for thee alone,  
Our lives shall make thy goodness known,  
Our souls and bodies shall be thine,  
A living sacrifice divine.
- 6 I and my house will serve the Lord,  
Led by the Spirit and the Word;  
We plight our faith, assembled here,  
To serve our God th' ensuing year;  
And vow, when time shall be no more,  
'Through all eternity t' adore.

## H Y M N II.

- 1        **Y**E worms of earth, arise,  
           Ye creatures of a day,  
 Redeem the time, be hold, be wise,  
           And cast your bonds away:  
           Shake off the chains of sin,  
           Like us assembled here,  
 With hymns of praise to usher in  
           The acceptable year.

          The year of gospel grace  
           Like us rejoice to see,  
 And thankfully in Christ embrace  
           Your proffer'd liberty:  
           Pardon and peace are nigh,  
           Which ev'ry soul may prove;  
 The Lord, who now is passing by,  
           Makes this the time of love.

- 2        Saviour, and Lord of all,  
           Thy proffer we receive,  
 Obedient to thy gospel call,  
           That bids us turn, and live;  
           Our former years mis-spent,  
           Though late, we deeply mourn,  
 And soften'd by thy grace repent,  
           And to thy arms return.

          With fear, and grief, and shame,  
           Our folly we bemoan,  
 But wonder at the patient Lamb,  
           Who lets us still alone:

Thy patience lifts us up,  
 Thy free unbounded grace,  
 And all our fear is lost in hope,  
 And all our grief in praise.

3 To thee, by whom we live,  
 Our praise and lives we pay,  
 Praise, ardent, cordial, constant give,  
 And shout to see thy day:  
 Thy day of saving grace,  
 Thy consecrated year,  
 When the bright Son of Righteousness,  
 Doth to our world appear.

4 Risen, we know, thou art,  
 With healing in thy wings,  
 We feel, we feel it in our heart,  
 The life thy presence brings!  
 The seal and earnest this,  
 Our pardon we receive,  
 And look with thee in glorious bliss  
 Eternally to live.

### H Y M N III.

1 **B**LOW ye the trumpet, blow,  
 The gladly solem sound,  
 Let all the nations know,  
 To earth's remotest bound,  
 The year of jubilee is come;  
 Return, ye ransom'd sinners, home!

Jesus,

- 2        Jesus, our great high-priest,  
          Hath full atonement made;  
          Ye weary spirits, rest;  
          Ye mournful souls, be glad;  
The year of jubilee is come;  
Return, ye ransom'd sinners, home!
- 3        Extol the Lamb of God,  
          The all-atoning Lamb;  
          Redemption in his blood  
          Throughout the world proclaim:  
The year of jubilee is come;  
Return, ye ransom'd sinners, home!
- 4        Ye slaves of sin and hell,  
          Your liberty receive,  
          And safe in Jesus dwell,  
          And blest in Jesus live:  
The year of jubilee is come;  
Return, ye ransom'd sinners, home!
- 5        Ye who have sold for nought  
          Your heritage above,  
          Shall have it back unbought,  
          The gift of Jesu's love:  
The year of jubilee is come;  
Return, ye ransom'd sinners, home!
- 6        The gospel trumpet hear,  
          The news of heavenly grace,  
          And sav'd from earth, appear  
          Before your Saviour's face:  
The year of jubilee is come;  
Return to your eternal home!

## H Y M N IV.

- 1     **A**LL praise to the Lord,  
Whose trumpet we hear,  
Which speaks in his word  
The festival year :  
The loud proclamation  
Of freedom from thrall,  
And gospel salvation  
Is publish'd to all.
- 2     The year of release  
Ev'n now is begun,  
And pardon and peace  
With Jesus sent down :  
Eternal redemption  
Through him we obtain,  
And present exemption  
From passionate pain.
- 3     Ye spirits enslav'd,  
Your liberty claim,  
Believe, and be sav'd  
Through Jesus's name :  
That infinite lover  
Of finners embrace,  
And gladly recover  
His forfeited grace.
- 4     With joyfullest news  
Your prisons resound,  
Your fetters are loose,  
Your souls are unbound :



Resume the possession  
For which ye were born,  
From Satan's oppression  
To heaven return.

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## H Y M N V.

- 1      **C**OME, let us anew  
Our journey pursue,  
Roll round with the year,  
And never stand still, till the Master appear;  
His adorable will  
Let us gladly fulfil,  
And our talents improve  
By the patience of hope, and the labour of love.
- 2      Our life is a dream,  
Our time as a stream  
Glides swiftly away,  
And the fugitive moment refuses to stay:  
The arrow is flown,  
The moment is gone,  
The millennial year  
Rushes on to our view, and eternity's here!
- 3      O that each in the day  
Of his coming might say,  
"I have fought my way thro',  
"I have finish'd the work thou didst give me to do!"  
O that each from his Lord  
May receive the glad word,  
"Well and faithfully done,  
"Enter into my joy, and sit down on my throne!"

## H Y M N VI.

- 1        **T**HE Lord of earth and sky,  
          The God of ages praise,  
      Who reigns enthron'd on high,  
          Antient of endless days,  
Who lengthens out our trial here,  
And spares us yet another year.
- 2        Barren and wither'd trees  
          We cumber'd long the ground,  
      No fruit of holiness  
          On our dead souls was found;  
Yet doth he us in mercy spare  
Another, and another year.
- 3        When justice bar'd the sword  
          To cut the fig-tree down,  
      The pity of our Lord  
          Cried, let it still alone!  
The Father mild inclines his ear,  
And spares us yet another year.
- 4        Jesus, thy speaking blood  
          From God obtain'd the grace,  
      Who therefore hath bestow'd  
          On us a longer space,  
Thou didst in our behalf appear,  
And lo, we see another year!
- 5        Then dig about our root,  
          Break up our fallow ground,  
      And let our gracious fruit  
          To thy great praise abound,  
O let us all thy praise declare,  
And fruit unto perfection bear.

## H Y M N VII.

- 1 **S**ING to the great Jehovah's praise!  
All praise to him belongs,  
Who kindly lengthens out our days,  
Demands our choicest songs :  
Whose providence has brought us thro'  
Another various year,  
We all with vows and anthems new  
Before our God appear.
- 2 Father, thy mercies past we own,  
Thy still-continued care,  
To thee presenting thro' thy Son—  
Whate'er we have,\* or are ;  
Our lips and lives shall gladly shew  
The wonders of thy love,  
While on in Jesu's steps we go,  
To see thy face above.
- 3 Our residue of days or hours  
Thine, wholly thine, shall be,  
And all our consecrated powers  
A sacrifice to thee:  
Till Jesus in the clouds appear,  
To saints on earth forgiven,  
And bring the grand sabbatic year,  
The jubilee of heav'n.

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